

REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect the invention identified as Group I in the Restriction Requirement as well as Claims 1-13 which are directed thereto.

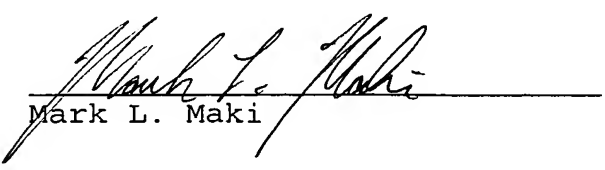
As to the remaining claims, independent Claim 14 is hereby deleted and the subject matter thereof is presented as dependent Claim 41 which depends from Claim 1. Hence, all of Claims 41 and 15-17 depend from independent Claim 1 and it is respectfully requested that these claims be grouped with the elected invention and examined for patentability. As for independent Claim 18, this claim is cancelled and the subject matter thereof presented in new dependent Claim 42 which depends from Claim 1. Applicants submit that dependent Claim 42 as well as dependent claims 19-23 which depend from Claim 1 through dependent Claim 42 may be grouped with the elected invention and examined therewith.

Claim 24 is now rewritten in dependent form wherein dependent Claims 24-27 also may be grouped with the elected invention and examined therewith.

Still further, Claim 28 is rewritten in dependent form while Claim 30 is cancelled and the subject matter thereof embodied in new dependent Claim 43. Applicants also request grouping of Claims 28 and 43 with the elected invention and examination thereof with the elected claims.

Further and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited.

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